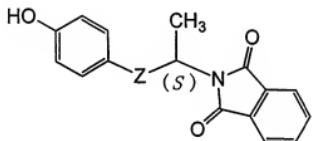


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A phenol derivative compound represented by the general formula:



wherein the carbon atom marked with (S) represents a carbon atom in S configuration; Z is the group represented by the formula:



or the formula:



wherein the carbon atom marked with (R) represents a carbon atom in R configuration.

2. (currently amended): A phenol derivative compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Z is the group represented by the formula stated below.

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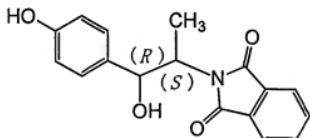


3. (currently amended): A phenol derivative compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Z is the group represented by the formula:



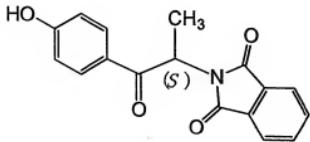
wherein the carbon atom marked with (R) represents a carbon atom in R configuration.

4. (currently amended): A method to produce a phenol derivative compound represented by the formula:



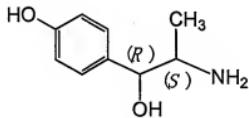
(wherein the carbon atom marked with (R) represents a carbon atom in R configuration, and the carbon atom marked (S) represents a carbon atom in S configuration), which comprises catalytic hydrogenating a phenol derivative compound represented by the following formula in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst:

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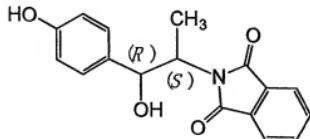


wherein a carbon atom marked with (S) havehas the same meaning as defined above.

5. (currently amended): A method to produce a phenol derivative compound represented by the formula:



(whereinwherein the carbon atom marked with (R) represents a carbon atom in R configuration, and the carbon atom marked (S) represents a carbon atom in S configuration) configuration, which comprises removing the phthaloylphthaloyl group of a phenol derivative compound represented by the formula:



wherein the carbon atoms marked with (R) and (S) have the same meanings as defined above.

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6. (new): The method according to claim 4, wherein said hydrogenation catalyst is palladium catalyst or nickel catalyst.
7. (new): The method according to claim 5, wherein the removing of the phthaloyl group is by treatment with a primary amine, hydrazine anhydrate or a hydrate thereof.